

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 847
By West

A RESOLUTION to recognize Matt Deathridge on becoming an
Eagle Scout.

WHEREAS, at a time when this nation's youth face difficult challenges, the Boy Scouts of America is one of our finest assets, providing young people with an educational program that contributes significantly to their character development, citizenship training, and improved mental and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, the highest rank a Boy Scout can attain is that of Eagle Scout, and Matt Deathridge, after considerable effort and diligent preparation, has joined the prestigious Eagle Court of Honor; and

WHEREAS, Matt has demonstrated considerable ability as a leader among his peers, and he plans to continue participating in the Scouting program and earn his palms; and

WHEREAS, his notable record of achievement as a Boy Scout includes thirty-five Merit Badges, the God and Me and God and Family medals, and a history of distinguished service as a patrol leader, scribe, quartermaster, assistant patrol leader, and senior patrol leader; and

WHEREAS, Matt Deathridge first joined Pack 43, led by scout leader Bill Edwards, in 1996. He became a member of Troop 777 at Hermitage Hills Baptist Church in 2001; and

WHEREAS, Matt Deathridge's Eagle project greatly contributed to the betterment of his community and reflected the true spirit of Volunteerism; he landscaped four overgrown flower and shrub beds on the front lawn of Hermitage Hills Baptist Church, repainted an existing preschool sign, and cleared out an overgrown fence row next to the church property; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, Matt Deathridge is a faithful and active member of Hermitage Hills Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Matt Deathridge epitomizes the spirit and commitment that is characteristic of all true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should pause to recognize Matt Deathridge as one of the most outstanding young people in our state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Matt Deathridge on becoming an Eagle Scout, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final resolving clause omitted from such copy.